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**Corps will waive Day Use and Camping Fees at Cochiti and Abiquiu Lakes for Active Duty Service Personnel on R&R from Iraq**

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced this week that it will waive day use and camping fees at its recreation areas for active duty service personnel on temporary leave from duty in Iraq for the duration of United States operations there.

In New Mexico, this policy would be applied at Abiquiu and Cochiti Lakes. The other Corps-managed lakes in the state where this would *not* apply are Conchas Lake and Santa Rosa Lake. This is because recreation areas at Conchas Lake are leased to a private concessionaire and to New Mexico State Parks. Santa Rosa’s recreation area is also leased to New Mexico State Parks.

“Corps lakes provide excellent opportunities to find renewal, solace and inspiration,” Maj. Gen. Carl Strock, director of Civil Works said. “Our intent is to recognize the selfless service of these men and women to our nation and the world.”

Service personnel on R&R will be required to show identification and leave orders to obtain the waiver. The waiver will also apply to all family members accompanying the serviceman or woman. The Corps will waive camping fees on a walk-up and space-

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available basis as well as through the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS) - call center. Camping fees will not be waived for on-line reservations made through ReserveUSA.com.

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